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## SOVIETS MEET AND RATIFY THE TEUTON PEACE

## JAPANESE INTERVENTION EXPECTED TO TAKE PLACE IN SIBERIA SOON

## Action of Russian Congress Sounds Death Knell of Empire and Republic

(By Associated Press.)  
PETERSBURG, Thursday, March 14.—The Russian congress of Soviets at a meeting at Moscow, voted 453 to 36 to ratify the Teuton peace. M. Ryazanov, a prominent Bolshevik theorist and representative of all professional unions, resigned from the Bolshevik party after the vote.

## GERMAN OPPORTUNITY

(By Associated Press.)  
Action by the Soviets clears the way for an announcement of the allied intentions regarding Japanese intervention in Siberia. It gives Germany vast opportunities for political and economic penetration of the former Russian empire. The decision is the culmination of the Bolshevik peace steps that were begun in December.

## PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
AMSTERDAM, March 15.—A Vienna dispatch announces that Russia and Ukraine have opened peace negotiations at Kiev. The Ukraine will meet soon to ratify the Teuton peace.

## DAY'S WORLD WAR NEWS GENERALIZED

One million tons of Dutch shipping, which will be used in sending supplies to the armies of the allies or in transporting troops to the war zones, will be taken over by the United States and Great Britain next Monday, thus relieving in a great measure the dire need of the countries at war with the Teutonic allies. Holland's hesitancy to come into the agreement with the United States and Great Britain which would permit the use of ships flying her flag, many of which are now lying in American and allied ports, no longer is to be tolerated, and next Monday, whether she be willing or not, the vessels will be taken over under the provisions of international law and put into uses which are highly essential to the success of the allied cause.

Holland yet has time to acquiesce in the demands of the United States and Great Britain and sanction the use of her shipping, but her plea of Germany's menace no longer will avail, and there is to be no modification of the decision of the United States and the allies to seize all Dutch vessels in their respective ports throughout the world and use them. Liberal compensation is to be awarded owners of the vessels and all their rights will be safeguarded. In addition to the export of foodstuffs to Holland will be permitted and coal by which Holland may resume her interrupted trade with her colonies will be guaranteed.

On the major battle fronts the operations continue, as for weeks past, mainly of artillery duels, trench raids and intensive aerial activity by all the opposing forces. In the operations on land the American troops continue to locate and blow to pieces with their artillery gas projectiles in the Toul region which the Germans recently have been attempting to set up in large numbers in preparation, it is believed, for a gas attack on a huge scale. American aerial observers have been doing splendid work spotting out the gas tubes and reporting their whereabouts to the artillery.

Not alone are the gas throwing implements coming in for attention by the American gunners, but German batteries, trenches, wire entanglements and points of military concentration and munition dumps also are being given practical demonstration.

## AIRMEN DOWN ENEMY

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Thursday, March 14.—British airmen accounted for 24 of the enemy in severe aerial fighting on the western front Wednesday.

tonic peace, according to a dispatch. Negotiations are in progress for reconciliation between Germany and Poland and a new solution of the Polish situation will be announced shortly, according to the Kurjer Polsky of Warsaw.

## JAPAN WILL MOVE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—It is believed that the Russian ratification of peace will bring an early move by Japan in Siberia, which is expected to be chiefly a measure for protection of Japanese and American supplies at Vladivostok. It is not improbable that Germany will move its armies east, but there is a probability that the supplies might be sent into Russia and then delivered to the Germans. The geographical location of Vladivostok renders it easy for Japan to cut off a German force at any time.

## VOTE FOR PEACE

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 15.—Reuter dispatches from Petrograd say that the Bolshevik majority voted in support of peace. This indicates that it may have been only the action of a majority of the caucus.

strations of the accuracy of aim of the men behind the American guns. Additional batteries have been silenced by them, trenches and wire entanglements have been torn to pieces and ammunition dumps blown up.

With the return of good weather many airmen daily are to be seen over the battle lines dropping bombs or in aerial combat. The British, French and German air services all are claiming numerous victories for their aviators in fights in the air. During the first ten days of March British airmen are credited with accounting for 79 German planes, while the German war office asserts that on Wednesday 17 enemy machines and three captive balloons were destroyed by German airmen along the Franco-Belgian front.

The situation in Russia and Siberia apparently is still far from being settled. Although the Germans and Austrians still control territory from Finland to Odessa on the Black sea, it is not certain that the Russians will not again take up arms against them. The Bolshevik foreign minister, Trotsky, has asserted that he will oppose the ratification of the peace treaty with Germany and advocate the re-organization of the army for the defense of Russia. Meanwhile influential papers in Germany already are beginning to see the loss of Germany's prestige in the Far East because of her machinations in Russia and to point out that Germany's Russian policy has "played the game brilliantly" for Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

Meager advices from Constantinople indicate that with the evacuation by the Russians of sections of Turkish Armenia, the Turks are again harassing the Armenians, but that the Armenians are offering resistance. Erzerum, the principal city in Armenia, already has been re-occupied by the Turks.

Another case of "frightfulness" by German submarine commanders is chronicled in a report of an attempt to send the British hospital ship, Guilford Castle, with 450 sick or wounded soldiers on board, to the bottom. Notwithstanding the plain marks of the hospital ship, two torpedoes were launched against it. One of the missiles struck the vessel's bow, badly damaging it, but she was able to make port with difficulty.

## FRENCH GAIN FOOTING

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, March 15.—A strong French detachment gained a footing west of Narov road yesterday, in the Champagne district.

## MOSCOW IS AGAIN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

(By Associated Press.)  
MOSCOW, Thursday, March 14.—Moscow has again become the official capital of Russia after 200 years. Virtually all the governmental commissions, with the exception of Leon Trotsky, arrived tonight. They officially opened the various ministries.

## HEAVY CASUALTY LIST FROM PERSHING

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—General Pershing's casualty list today is longer than any previously issued. It may not be available for publication until tomorrow. The navy announced that Harry Vane, of the naval flying reserve, was accidentally killed in Scotland. Roger Perkins, an aviation student, was killed Wednesday by a fall at Key West.

## RECEIVER IS ASKED FOR RICH OIL LANDS

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—A motion to appoint receivers for 2160 acres of oil land in the Midway field, valued at \$25,000,000, will be heard Monday in the United States district court at Los Angeles. The proceedings, which were ordered by the attorney general, affect the Standard, Associated, Union, and United Oil and Midway Gas companies.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Fifteen million subscribers is the goal of the third Liberty loan drive.

## "IF THE CROWN PRINCE WERE TO COME"

Judge Wm. Forman was scheduled to deliver the semi-weekly patriotic address at the high school this morning, but was called out of town on important business. His prepared speech was read by Alfred Boyle. It follows:

A few days ago an American born German told me he had a strange dream. He dreamed he was in Wanamaker's big department store, in Philadelphia; that in the store was a large pipe organ. The organist was playing "America," and while it was being played the German crown prince came in with his staff, and as he heard the strains of "America," he said: "What is that the organist is playing?" He was told it was "America." He said to his aide: "Stop it, and arrest the organist."

When he told me this, I said to myself: "Was that German dreaming, or was it the product of an imagination quickened after listening to the inspiring tones of 'America,' being played, as the boys marched down the street the other day on their way to Berlin?" I further continued with myself and said: "The German was right, whether this product of his brain was a dream, or whether it was the child of his vivid imagination; should the German prince come to this country the strains of 'America' will never again be permitted to stir the hearts of our people into patriotic fervor."

Should the crown prince come to America everything that we and

## AMERICAN'S RAID MARKED BY PRECISION

(By Associated Press.)  
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 12.—(Delayed.)—All the men in the raid seemed particularly impressed with the way the American barrage worked.

"It worked like a clock," said one soldier, whose home is in Texas. "It made you feel you could go right on to Berlin behind it. The only trouble about this show we didn't see enough Fritz. He must have been like a rabbit, because I did not see a single one all the way back to the second line, although some of the other fellows did."

The men went in 120 yards on a hundred yard front. None of the

## "FINISHED MYSTERY" UNDESIRABLE BOOK

(By Associated Press.)  
OMAHA, Neb., March 15.—Four thousand copies of "The Finished Mystery," the Pastor Russell publication of the International Bible Students of Brooklyn, N. Y., were taken here today, when officials from the federal department of justice raided the headquarters of the bible students in this city. The books were placed in the custody of the United States marshal for safe keeping. At the same time William Mack, said to be a solicitor for the sale of the books was placed under arrest and charged with violating the espionage act. Mack was released on bail. Other arrests are expected as several additional warrants have been issued. The cartoons of books were addressed to C. W. Farwell, a local member of the associated bible students. Farwell called at the district attorney's office and showed a letter from the publishers of the book, advising him to cut out pages 247 to 251 inclusive of the book, after which, said the publishers, no laws would be violated by its sale. The membership of the bible students in Omaha is between 50 and 60.

## BLOODY FIELD BATTLES

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 15.—A Petrograd dispatch says it is reported that more than 20,000 casualties resulted from the field battles between soviet adherents and natives in Tokrestan.

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Geo. A. Fleming, of Visalia, has been appointed food director for Tulare county.

## GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS SUFFER ATROCITIES

(By Associated Press.)  
VERA CRUZ, Mexico, March 15.—Fifty-seven government soldiers killed or burned alive after being wounded in the latest exploit of the bandits in this region. An exploring train which preceded a passenger train from this city enroute to Mexico City was blown up by rebels under the leadership, it is asserted, of Higinio Aguilar near Boca del Monte.

Surrounded by the outlaws, the escort put up a brave fight, but many were killed and wounded. When the fire from the cars slackened, the bandits poured coal oil on the wreckage and burned to death the wounded, shooting down those soldiers who fled from the flames. Aguilar is said to have led this attack after being driven by federal troops from the nearby town of Paso del Mache, where his followers are alleged to have committed the usual excesses upon the defenseless inhabitants during their short occupation of the place.

Aguilar, who, for a long time professed allegiance to Felix Diaz, is said to have broken with the former dictator's nephew some time ago, forcing Diaz to flee from the vicinity of Jalisco.

(By Associated Press.)  
HARRISBURG, March 15.—Two women were killed and 15 passengers injured when boulders wrecked two sleeping cars of the west bound Pennsylvania express near here.

American were killed and none are missing. It is certain that five Germans were killed in the fighting.

Artillery fire of quite a lively character also is continuing in the section east of Luneville. So far as is known the Germans have not yet reoccupied their first and second lines there.

Both the Luneville sector and that of Toul have been much occupied with snipers today, as well as last night. In the former sector one sniper was detected in a tree after a period in which he had done fairly effective work.

One of the American sharpshooters crawled cautiously to a vantage

## CONFEREES PROHIBITED BY NEW SENATE RULE

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—Elimination of the tax provision resulted from initial use of the new senate rule prohibiting conferees from writing new matter into a bill. A point of order by Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, republican, against the tax clause was upheld yesterday by Vice-President Marshall and sustained by the senate 51 to 32. The bill then was returned to conference, where the original tax section, providing that state taxes and railroad regulations shall not be interfered with so far as they are consistent with federal control, was reinserted. Other principal provisions of the bill, retained as the conferees adjusted therein are those for compensating the railroads on the basis of their net income for the three years ending June 30, 1917, involving an estimated federal guarantee of about \$945,000,000 annually, limiting federal operation to twenty-one months after the war; authorizing the president to initiate rates, subject to approval by the interstate commerce commission, appropriating \$500,000,000 for a revolving fund for the director general, and placing all "short lines" within the federal system.

In the final debate today Senator Johnson, of California, republican, said the bill was unfair and unjust to the people and outrageously generous to the railroads, while Senator Townsend of Michigan, republican, and Cummins of Iowa, republican, reiterated their criticism of some sections of the bill. Some of the bill's principles, Senator Townsend said, are "subversive of good government."

## DEFENSE RESTS IN HOWE MURDER CASE

(By Associated Press.)  
VISALIA, Calif., March 15.—The defense has rested in the Howe murder trial. The prosecution began its rebuttal, by calling Mrs. Robert Kendall, proprietor of the Porterville hotel, who testified to several conversations which she had with Mrs. Howe in which she is said to have told the defendant she thought "She ought to be horse-whipped. Brooks slapped her and knocked her against a basket." She denied that she told Mrs. Howe "What Brooks says about you is the truth." She thought the defendant's appearance was "natural," during the conversation.

## BRITISH VESSELS COLLIDE

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 15.—Twenty-six are missing due to the collision of a naval vessel with the British steamer Rathmore.

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TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.  
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1918 1917  
5 a. m. 35 13  
9 a. m. 41 21  
12 noon 48 27  
Maximum March 14. 46 30  
Minimum March 14. 27 15  
Relative humidity at noon today, 35 per cent.  
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point in No Man's Land and opened up on him. The second shot hit the German whose body dropped to the enemy wire where it hung for the rest of the day.

Northwest of Toul rifle fire and grenades dislodged a German from a sniper's post in a shell hole, and also silenced the enemy in a machine gun emplacement on the front lines who had been annoying our men with bursts of fire. The American machine guns, by a cross fire again drove out the Germans from a number of listening posts.

An American aerial observer in a French airplane crossed the German lines this morning at a low altitude and used his machine gun effectively on the second line.

## LITHUANIANS PLEDGE LOYALTY TO NATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 15.—Support for the United States in its struggle against militarism and aid to Lithuania in obtaining its independence after the war, were pledged by 3000 Lithuanians in convention here today.

At one time, when it appeared that the convention might split on the question of whether prayer should be introduced at the meetings, a delegate who is serving with the national army at Camp Dix, rushed upon the stage and ended the debate by charging that "this quarrel here today is the result of German spies." Later other delegates expressed the opinion that German agents were attempting to break up the convention because of its loyalty to the United States.

The convention then formed a permanent organization of the 700,000 to 900,000 Lithuanians in this country, with headquarters here and local societies in every city having a Lithuanian colony.

Resolutions were adopted praising President Wilson for "his untiring labor for the freedom of small and oppressed nationalities," and asking him to consider action which will bring freedom to Lithuania. Another resolution pledged the aid of Lithuanians in this country in the next Liberty loan and Red Cross campaigns.

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Other Americans were in the air all day, many of them over German territory. One aerial battle is reported. The American observer emptied one gun at a German plane, but without apparent result, as the enemy was hurrying toward the rear. Another machine in which the American observers were manning the guns went up to meet German airplanes which had crossed the lines, but the Americans failed to get close enough to shoot with any chance of scoring a hit.

The Germans are doing much work behind their lines. Additional camouflage construction is going on there and an exceedingly heavy traffic is in evidence at many places, especially at night.

## SILLY CAMOUFLAGE OF FLANDERS' FREEDOM

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 15.—A formal announcement of the "complete independence of Flanders" from the rest of Belgium was made in Brussels on January 29, under German patronage, and sham elections have been proceeding throughout the Flemish districts, of a new "Council of Flanders," which is designed, under German guidance, to undertake the civil administration of a district normally containing about 4,000,000 Flemish people.

The German newspapers, in reports of the elections, declared that "great enthusiasm" was manifest everywhere. The Belgian newspapers in Holland however, declared that the German authorities had the greatest difficulty in suppressing the opposition to the new scheme, and predicted that the elections would in the end serve to unite rather than divide the Belgian nation.

## CREW OF STEAMER TO FACE CHARGES

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, Va., March 15.—Forty-three members of the crew of the Russian steamer Omsk face charges of espionage, this act being the result of their efforts to seize the steamer Thursday night. Documents aboard the vessel indicated, government agents said, that certain members of the crew are "not bona fide seamen, but parties to a political plot which was planned to divert the Omsk's cargo of cotton to Russia." It was consigned to Liverpool.

## LORD CECIL DENIES RUMOR OF PROPOSALS

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 15.—Replying to an inquiry as to whether there was any truth in the rumors that proposals had been received from Germany for peace at the expense of Russia, Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade, said in the house of commons: "So far as I know no such proposals are being considered or will be."

## BUTLER THEATRE TO-NIGHT

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The First Program of its kind ever shown at the Butler  
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Come Early  
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Evening 7 and 8:30